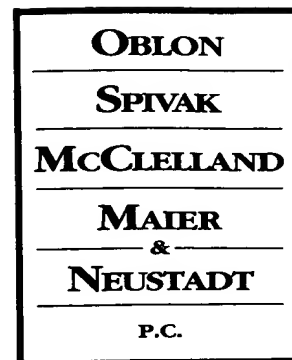




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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, as follows, without prejudice:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown below and in the marked-up copy following this amendment.

Reduction in an amount of cobalt generated will suffice in order to reduce a CRUD (Chalk River Unclassified Deposit) Co-60 in the reactor water under conditions in which an amount of iron carried is minimized. Under the present circumstances, the Co-base alloys for the turbine blade and the large-diameter valve make up 30% and 40% of the source of cobalt, respectively. Therefore, when the Stellite as Co base alloy is changed to nickel base alloy